



Illinois Bike Transportation Plan
Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow




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Illinois Bike Transportation Plan:
 Project Scope **Overview**

1. Policies, Procedures and Regulations Analysis
2. Examine Existing Conditions
 1. Examine existing bikeways plans
 2. Assess existing bicycling conditions
 3. Innovative use of technology
 4. Evaluate current programs
3. Public Outreach
 1. Coordination with Steering Committee and Advisory Group
 2. Outreach to MPOs
 3. Coordination with IDOT districts
4. Recommendations
 1. Policy
 2. Design
 3. Network
 4. Funding
 5. Maintenance
 6. Education and marketing programs






Illinois Bike Transportation Plan: Policies, Procedures and Regulations Analysis

1. **Develop Vision, Goals and Objectives**, that expand upon those in the Long Range Transportation Plan
2. **Review, develop and recommend policies and standards**
3. **Review existing bicycle-related policies and procedures** within IDOT to see how these policies promote bicycle friendly, complete streets and livability goals.
 1. Utilize League of American Bicyclists, Bicycle Friendly State Recommendations.
 2. Compare Illinois policies with peer bicycle friendly states and national best practices.
 3. Recommend specific and strategic changes to Illinois policies and procedures to better address bicycle friendly, complete streets and livability goals.
4. **Examine policies and activities** related to:
 1. Safe Routes to School
 2. US Bicycle Route System
 3. Recreation versus transportation uses and trips and
 4. Bicycle trips in rural versus urban/suburban contexts
 5. Modal interconnectivity
5. **Evaluate existing and pending Federal and state legislation**, and potential impacts





Illinois Bike Transportation Plan: Examine Existing Conditions

1. **Examine existing local and regional bikeways plans** to develop an understanding of the existing conditions for bicycling across the state, and help identify gaps and inconsistencies on a regional scale.
2. **Assessment of existing bicycling conditions** on potential connections to corridors of statewide significance
 1. Evaluate state crash data to help identify priority areas for bicycle improvements.
3. **Develop approach to assess baseline levels of multi-modal accommodations** within the state roadway system
4. **Explore potential technologies** to tie in with state data to provide enhanced information sources to Illinois cyclists
5. **Evaluate current IDOT encouragement, education and enforcement programs** pertaining to bicycling. Compare these with practices in other states.
6. **Compare Illinois on a national scale and with peer states** to establish a baseline for bicycle friendliness, complete streets, and livable communities.





Illinois Bike Transportation Plan: Public Outreach

1. **Establish IDOT Steering Committee** to review and guide the development of the bikeways plan
2. **Establish Bike Plan Advisory Group** to review and provide feedback on the development of the bikeway plan and assist with outreach
3. **Implement a public outreach program** to gather information from **MPOs and IDOT District offices** about bicycling conditions, policies and procedures in the different regions of Illinois
4. **Implement a public outreach program** to inform the **public** and gather information about the current state of bicycling in Illinois, opportunities for connections, safety concerns, and bicycle and motorist education
 1. Organize public meetings and utilize online survey tools, project website, and social media to gather public input





**Illinois Bike Transportation Plan:
Implementation/Action Plan Recommendations**

1. **Policy recommendations** will look at currently utilized policies and procedures for how well they support and incorporate bicycle accommodations, complete streets, context sensitive design and livability principles.
2. **Design recommendations** will be based on examining current standards and guidelines in Illinois and evaluating how well these support bicycling, complete streets and context sensitive design based on national best practices.
3. **Network recommendations** will show the proposed regional bicycling network for Illinois based on the Plan findings. The proposed network will be designed to appeal to as many types of bicyclists as possible. The plan will also include examples of ideal small and medium-size community bike networks for Illinois communities to reference.





**Illinois Bike Transportation Plan:
Implementation/Action Plan Recommendations (cont'd)**

4. **Funding recommendations** will provide planning-level estimates for elements of the plan and prioritize these based on greatest cost/benefit ratio. The Plan will also present funding source and level recommendations for IDOT bicycling programs.
5. **Maintenance recommendations** will be based on the current needs and deficiencies determined from the existing conditions evaluation, input gained from the outreach process, and best practices observed in other states.
6. **Education and marketing program recommendations** will include a educational and marketing program to promote current and future Department policies and programs. This will include recommendations to enhance the State's Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, and multi-modal corridor programs.



Data/Plan Collection To Date

Statewide

- IDNR – Statewide and Regional Trails Data

All Plans within CMAP Region

4 Regions

- Henry/Rock Island
- Southern Illinois
- Wabash River Trail

7 MPO's

24 Counties

10 Municipalities

1 Park and recreation District

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Illinois Bike Transportation Plan - Draft Public Outreach Plan

This document outlines target dates, purposes, and themes to explore through the public engagement process for the Illinois bike plan. The public engagement process document is presented in three themes:

- Leadership Process - strategies to involve stakeholders in plan development
- Public Engagement Onsite - face to face methods to raise public awareness and gather public input
- Public Engagement Online - online methods to raise public awareness and gather public input

See Exhibit A for detailed information on the project timeline.

1.0 Leadership Process

This table describes roles and tasks for the management of the Illinois bike plan. This includes 1) the project management team, consisting of DOT's designated project manager and senior DOT staff as well as primary members of the Consultant team, 2) the DOT Steering Committee, consisting of a broader group of DOT leadership and the Consultant, and 3) the Bike Plan Advisory Group, consisting of advocacy organizations, state and local agency representatives, etc.

1.1 Project Management Team

The project management team will meet once per month on a regularly scheduled date (to be determined) and as needed. The purpose of these meetings will be to review the project schedule and direct material creators and content for upcoming project events.

- Event 1: Project Kickoff
- Event 2: Scope discussions, brainstorming and public engagement discussion
- Event 3: Check-in and content discussion
- Ongoing TBD

1.2 DOT Steering Committee

The DOT Steering committee will guide the production of deliverables; the first meeting will be a kick-off. The next few meetings will largely be project progress reports, reports of advisory group meetings and outreach events, as well as an early entry and procedural discussion. The first meeting will be dedicated to review of

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Plan Email List Survey

- Almost 1,400 results

Are you a Transportation Engineer or Planner?

Response	Percentage	Count
Yes	11%	150
No	80%	1,050

Plan Email List Survey

Which answer best describes you?

Response	Percentage
don't or seldom bicycle for transportation or recreation	7%
occasionally or regularly bike for transportation (at least once a week)	19%
occasionally or regularly bike for recreation (at least once a month)	19%
occasionally or regularly bicycle for transportation and recreation	53%



Potential venues for public outreach

- CMAP Bike Ped Task Force
- Chicago Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
- Illinois Greenways and Trails Council 1/4ly meetings
- Illinois Interagency Bikeway Council
- MPO meetings?
- District (IDOT) planning meetings?
- Livable St Louis conference (Oct in 2012)
- Illinois Bike Summit? May 15 Normal
- Chicago Women Bike Summit?
- Annual conferences
- APA's National Planning Conference (April)
- IDOT Fall Planning Conference (September)
- Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference (October)
- Governor Quinn's Green Governments Coordinating Council symposiums
- Bike-to-work event outreach
- Bike Commuter Challenge (June)
- Bike the Drive (May)



Potential venues for public outreach (cont'd)

- Curb Your Car / Bike to Work Week (May)
- Bonedale Bike Week (Carbondale) (May)
- Transport Chicago (June)
- Community-based Bike/Ped Task Forces and council meetings across state (too many to list)
- Events from the Chainlink
- Local bicycling association events
- IMBA local conference or other channels to loop in mountain bikers?
- Trails for Illinois conference?
- Horsemen's Council of Illinois (equine-community outreach?)
- Bike Commuter Challenge,
- Bike to Work Week, and
- Bike the Drive.
- Green Governments Coordinating Council Sustainable Schools and Higher Ed Symposium
- IDOT Fall Planning Conference in September
- Annual MYP public meetings in every district.


